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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed October 2, 2002, which required to elect one of 11 species and identify the claims restricted thereto, applicants hereby elect the species of Fig. 2 (species I), and submit that the following claims are supported thereby:

- a. Independent claims 1, 3, 17, 19, 20, 61, 63, and 64; and
- b. Dependent claims 7, 9-16, 25, 26, 31, 33, 37, 39, 43, 45, 49, 51, 55, and 57, to the extent that any multiple dependent claims in this group refer back to elected parent claims.

The restriction requirement is traversed because it is believed that all of the claimed inventions are sufficiently related to each other to be examined in one patent application.

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